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TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. No planes were seen at the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield *. The road to Edderitz (M 52/D 95), blocked by a stone wall, was torn up and eliminated in the extension of the landing field. Two caterpillar tractors with scrapers did grading work in the eastern section of the landing field. Three concrete mixers were in use at the site of runway construction work. ** Trucks were seen at the construction site. Several soldiers wearing blue epaulets, and trucks were seen at the entrance to the field gate. ***

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* Comment. The information that the airfield was not occupied by aircraft was confirmed . The air units probably left because of the construction work under way at the field. See annex for location of Koethen airfield.

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** Comment. The status of the runway construction is shown for the first time on the attached sketch. the runway is to be 1,300 meters long. The section of the runway between the two roads leading from Koethen to the south, which is reproduced on the sketch, is about 1,000 meters long.

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*** Comment. Motor vehicle belong to ground units of the

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ground attack regiment which was transferred from Koethen to Stendal in April 1950. At least some elements of the ground unit are obviously still stationed in Koethen.

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